

Pension Application for Adam Ryfenburg or Ryfenburgh

R.26149 (Widow: Christina) Married 1786. Adam died May 5, 1843.

State of New York

County of Columbia SS.

On this nineteenth day of February one thousand eight hundred and thirty three, personally appeared in open court before the Justices court of the City of Hudson now sitting, Adam Ryfenburgh, a resident of the Town of Germantown in the County of Columbia and State of New York, aged eighty one years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain he benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He first volunteered to got to Fishkill in Dutchess County in a company commanded by Captain Allen, whose Christian name he believes was Joseph, and went accordingly in said company in the latter part of the fall of the year 1776, as near as he can recollect, marching from the manor of Livingston, in that part which is now Clermont in Columbia County, where he then resided, directly to Fishkill on the east side of the Hudson river. In this service he was engaged about two months, when he was discharged and returned home.

He remained at home with the exception of being out on alarms & in scouting for disaffected persons, until some time in the spring of the year 1777 when he was drafted for nine months to go to the north & proceeded by water to Albany. Here they were first drilled & placed in a company, the officers of which he does not recollect, not having been acquainted with them, nor the officers of the regiment.

Shortly after arriving at Albany they marched north & proceeded to Fort Edward crossing the river at the latter place. Here they remained some time but how long he does not recollect & then crossing the river again, a short distance above, proceeded to Saratoga at which place they arrived just after the capture of the British army under General Burgoyne. They thence returned to Fort Edward where they remained until the forepart of the winter as near as he can recollect, when he was discharged & returned home, having been engaged in this service for the term of nine months.

He then remained at home until the spring of the year 1778 in the month of April as he thinks when he volunteered as a minute man in a company commanded by Captain Peter Cashbur, Peter Sharp Lieutenant. He was elected Sergeant & served as such, six months—during which time he was out in service almost every week, engaged in scouting for disaffected persons & in warning out the members of the company & on alarms & at one time but at what season of the year he does not recollect, under the above named officers he went with one half of the company to Fishkill in Dutchess County on an alarm, only one half of the company being required to go—They remained eight weeks at this time as near as he can recollect.

In addition to the service above enumerated he was out five or six times during the revolution in service to Albany in the militia company to which he belonged

commanded by Captain Philip Smith, Bortle Hendricks Lieutenant, but at what times or for how long, he does not recollect, but believes the whole time during which he was thus engaged amounted to at least six months.

The whole time during which he was actually engaged in service, amounted as he believes, to at least two years.

He was born in the manor of Livingston in that part which is now Clermont on the 17th day of December in the year 1751. He has no record of his age in his possession, but finds the record in the church book of the German Reformed Church of Germantown, Columbia County.

He was living in the manor of Livingston in that part which is now Clermont when called into service—

After the revolutionary war he removed to Rensselaer County where he lived about two years. Thence he removed to Germantown in Columbia County where he lived about eight or nine years. Thence he removed to Red Hook in the County of Dutchess where he lived about three years.

Thence he removed to Clermont aforesaid where he lived about three years— Thence he removed to Germantown aforesaid where he has resided ever since.

He received but one written discharge which was at the expiration of the nine months service above set forth, who signed this discharge he does not recollect & it is now lost.

The following persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. Reverend Augustus Wackerhagen, William H. Wilsons Esquire, George A. Sagendorf, James A. Brodhead.

He does not recollect the names of any of the officers with whom he was acquainted except those above stated under whom he served and Major Samuel TenBroeck under whom he also served.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except he present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Adam Ryfenburgh

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid. J. D. Parker, Clerk fothe Justices Court of the City of Hudson. February 21, 1833.